

## United States Police Canine Association, Inc.

### Accelerant Detection Certified Training Grounds

A USPCA approved accelerant detector training grounds must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be operated by a Law Enforcement Agency.
2. Accelerant detection training grounds must be maintained and operated by a USPCA certified trainer. Resumes from each certified trainer will be submitted along with agency application.
3. Accelerant detection training must use real liquid accelerants during the majority of all training.
4. Substances used during the imprinting phase of the training must come from the three groups of substances listed in the accelerant detector rules and regulations:
  - A. Light petroleum distillate
  - B. Medium petroleum distillate
  - C. Heavy petroleum distillate
5. Approved training facilities should have the following areas available for specific cadaver training:
  - A. Open areas (grass, fields, woods, etc) at least 35 feet by 35 feet.
  - B. Vehicles (cars, trucks, etc) with a minimum of three vehicles for vehicle testing. (burned or unburned)
  - C. Buildings (office, schools, warehouses, etc) with a minimum of 200 square feet. (burned or unburned)
  - D. Crowd/clothing search area- articles of clothing may be used instead of people.
6. In order to become certified, the applicant(s) must submit the applications to the USPCA regional or district Executive Board. The Regional Executive Board must approve the application. A nationally certified chief judge must review and sign the application after inspecting the general areas claimed in the application. The application is then mailed to the chairperson of the National Training Grounds Committee. \*See below
7. Certifications will be valid for five years. Renewal applications will be processed as original.
8. If the application is denied, the applicant will be notified within sixty days by the Committee Chairperson with a reason for denial.
9. Certification can be revoked or removed at any time for just cause after a full investigation and hearing by the USPCA National Executive Board.

10. Certification cannot be used for personal gain to the general public.

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